

Teddy Cantanho

Theodora “Teddy” Ruegg Cantanho of Gardnerville, Nevada, passed away unexpectedly of heart failure on June 24, 2011 at Renown Medical Center in Reno, Nevada during a routine test. She was 89 years old.

She was born on May 03, 1922 in San Francisco California to Theodore Goffried Ruegg and Dora Coltrin Ruegg.

Teddy graduated from Lick Wilmerding Lux High School (San Francisco) in 1939 and from the University of California in Berkeley with a degree in Mathematics, class of 1944. Teddy later obtained a Masters degree from The College of Holy Names.

Teddy was a Mathematics Teacher for the Oakland Public Schools for 36 years, teaching at Golden Gate Elementary School, Montera Junior High School and Merritt Community College. She retired in 1985.

Teddy enjoyed downhill skiing, kayaking, sailing, hiking, foreign travel and playing bridge. Downhill skiing was her passion. In 1938 when she was 16 she went to Donner Summit with her sister and some friends. She spent the whole day on the hill and was hooked. From then on, she spent every weekend in the mountains. She was a member of the Oakland Ski Club, on the ski patrol at Sugar Bowl, a ski instructor at Soda Springs, part owner of Rainbow Ski Hill, and a ski racer. She was a ski racer all her adult life, most recently with the Far West Masters regularly winning or placing in her age class. She planned to race next year.

In 1987 Teddy met Max Frizzell on a ski lift at Alta, Utah and they soon became a couple. She moved to Gardnerville, and in 1992 they bought the house in which they lived together for the rest of their lives. Max passed away May 7, 2011.

Teddy’s joy of life, positive attitude, and energy will be remembered with appreciation by her friends and her family: her daughter, Thea Norum (husband Carl), of Yuba City California; her son, David Cantanho (wife René), of Campbell California; her brother David Coltrin Ruegg of Berkeley California, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 15, 2011 from 2 to 5 pm at Teddy’s Gardnerville home.

Memorial donations may be made to: The Theodora R. Cantanho Math Scholarship Fund, c/o Gift Administration, University of California, Berkeley Foundation, 2080 Addison St, Berkeley, CA 94720. Donations can also be made to: In Memory of Teddy Cantanho, c/o The Far West Masters Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 8718, Olympic Valley, CA 96146.